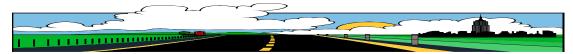
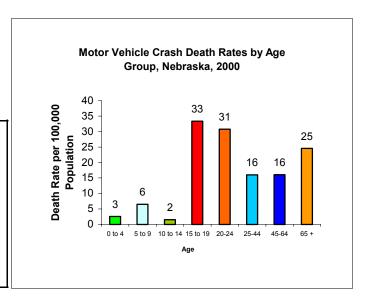
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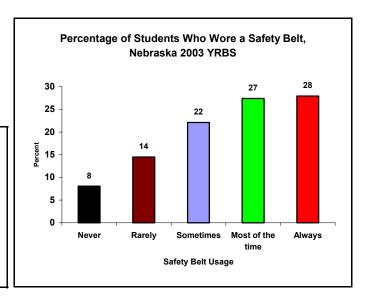
Teens have the highest fatality rate in motor vehicle crashes

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nationwide, teens when compared to any other age group, have the highest fatality rate in motor vehicle crashes at 29.5 per 100,000 population. This is also true in Nebraska. Nebraska Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) indicates that teens age 15 to 19 had the highest crash death rate at 33 per 100,000 population.



One out of five students never or rarely wears a safety belt when riding in a vehicle

One key reason for high traffic fatalities among this age group is that they have lower safety belt use rates than adults. The Nebraska 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) shows that more than 22% of students reported they never or rarely wore a safety belt when riding in a vehicle. Another 22% of students reported sometimes wearing a safety belt when riding in a vehicle.



Nebraska's goal is to reach a 92% safety belt use rate by 2010

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